



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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Date: July 6, 2009

Ward 3 – Apartment Fire – 4000 Block of North 1st Avenue

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Dispatch Time – 1510
On-Scene Time – 1514
Under Control – 1528

Nine people were in this apartment when a child started a fire in an upstairs bedroom while playing with matches. A mother and her four children live in this apartment. Relatives were visiting when the smoke detector sounded and smoke filled the apartment. Several adults attempted to extinguish the fire, but the smoke forced them out of the home. Everyone evacuated safely to the exterior and waited for firefighters.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find smoke and flames coming from an upstairs bedroom window and the apartment filled with smoke. Ten nearby apartments were evacuated as a precaution. No injuries occurred. This family of five has been displaced until repairs can be completed. The apartment management will provide this family with another apartment to stay.

Red Cross is assisting the family with food, clothing and medications .

Damage Estimate - \$50,000

Cause – Incendiary – five-year-old boy playing with matches in one of the upstairs bedrooms

Origin – mattress in bedroom

Safety Message: Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children. Teach your children that matches and lighters are tools, not toys. Children should never touch matches and lighters, and if they see them the child should always tell an adult.